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July 28, there was issued a bill of health to the steamship *Talbot* bound, with water ballast, for Baltimore, Md.

August 1, the steamship *Spartan Prince* bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 740 steerage and 21 cabin passengers. The steamship company was advised to reject the following cases: Trachoma, 10; hydrocephalus, 1; anæmia, 1; blindness, 1; lameness right leg, 1; poor physique, 2. There were also inspected 615 pieces of small, and 213 pieces of large, baggage.

August 1, a bill of health was issued to the steamship *Inchkeith*, bound in ballast for Norfolk, Va.

In view of the fact that my suspicions are being constantly verified, that the quarantines of some of the Mediterranean ports against the plague are rather lax, it was deemed advisable to subject the cabin passengers who leave this port for the United States to a more rigid inspection. The passengers are now required to give an account of their whereabouts for the fifteen days prior to their embarkation. It has been the constant aim to conduct the inspection with as little friction as is consistent with thoroughness.

I have just been informed by Mr. Chas. M. Caughy, the consul at Messina, Italy, that the water supply at that port is considered bad, and further, that several ships a week leave there bound for the United States with the water supply obtained at that port. He desires that your representative visit that port and report on the same.

Respectfully, yours,

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JAPAN.

Dysentery, cholera, and plague.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, July 26, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith a report of epidemic dysentery in Japan, for period July 11 to July 25, inclusive. Although the weather during this month has been exceptionally cool, a comparison with my last report (July 1 to July 10) will show that the epidemic has considerably extended and increased.

A few cases of supposed cholera have been noted in the native papers between the 11th and 25th, but are not included in the official returns of the home department as published. They are as follows: Tokyo, 9 cases, 3 deaths; Ishikawa Ken, 1 case; Kanagawa Ken, 5 cases, 1 death; Saga Ken, 1 case. I am inclined to consider these cases to be all or chiefly of cholera nostras, or instances of the ptomaine poisoning frequent among poor, fish-eating people, notwithstanding that some of the cases are reported to have been bacteriologically diagnosed.

Of the plague in Formosa I have been utterly unable to obtain any recent statistics. It is, however, stated to be abating. In this connection I may say that, of the several cases of this disease recently landed at the quarantine stations of Japan, and which have been duly reported to you, not one has transmitted the infection.

Very respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

August 25, 1899

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[Inclosure.]

Report of infectious disease in Japan from July 11 to July 25, 1899.

Locality.	Dysentery.		Plague.		Cholera.		Smallpox.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Kioto Fu.....	59	7						
Osaka Fu.....	47	8						
Tokyo Fu.....	299	54						
Aichi Ken.....	223	29						
Akita Ken.....								
Awomori Ken.....	13	15						
Chiba Ken.....	243	53						
Fukui Ken.....	159	11						
Fukuoka Ken.....	223	19						
Fukushima Ken.....	735	78						
Gifu Ken.....	202	32						
Gumma Ken.....	546	123						
Hioo Ken.....	121	21						
Hiroshima Ken.....	65	14						
Ibaraki Ken.....	430	84						
Ishikawa Ken.....	32	7						
Iwate Ken.....	21	4						
Kagawa Ken.....	28	3						
Kagoshima Ken.....	196	26						
Kanagawa Ken.....	279	93						
Kochi Ken.....	81	9						
Kumamoto Ken.....	197	34						
Miyagi Ken.....	22							
Miyazaki Ken.....	56	9						
Miye Ken.....	43	8						
Nagano Ken.....	527	68						
Nagasaki Ken.....	100	22						
Nara Ken.....	27	3						
Niigata Ken.....	707	88						
Oita Ken.....	95	25						
Okayama Ken.....	101	14						
Okinawa Ken.....	2							
Saga Ken.....	6	1						
Saitama Ken.....	372	75						
Shidzuoka Ken.....	396	87						
Shiga Ken.....	16	2						
Shimane Ken.....	48	9						
Tochigi Ken.....	138	18						
Tokushima Ken.....	18	1						
Tottori Ken.....	16	3						
Toyama Ken.....	44	10						
Wakayama Ken.....	83	12						
Yamagata Ken.....	39	6						
Yamaguchi Ken.....	33	3						
Yamanashi Ken.....	592	97						
Yehime Ken.....	92	12						
The Hokkaido.....	1	1						
Taiwan (Formosa) ..								

MEXICO.

Weekly reports of inspection service in Mexico.

MEXICO, MEXICO, August 8, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to make my weekly report as follows: At City of Mexico, for the week ended August 7, 59 passengers for the United States via the Mexican-Texas frontier were inspected, 56 were passed, and 3 were detained, and 5 pieces of baggage disinfected. For the same period, 3 passengers for Havana and New York via Vera Cruz were passed, after their baggage, amounting to 5 pieces was disinfected. At Monterey, for the week ended August 5, 42 passengers were inspected and passed without detention or disinfection. The health of Monterey is still reported good. In accordance with orders issued from this office, the inspector of the Marine-Hospital Service at Monterey labels, for the information of the quarantine officers at the border, all box cars coming from and remaining in noninfected territory. At San